

MATCH REPORT

South Kyme Rabbits & Hares 3.0 v 5.0 Laceby Manor

Saturday 6th October 2018 (Home)

Well what an atrocious day weather wise we had it all thrown at us! Wind and Rain in abundance and we all got drenched to boot! Despite a lovely breakfast as usual from Janet we then had to brave the elements and at one point it was touch and go whether Pete got the phone call to sound the hooter and call us in, it was only the fact that the greens held up that kept us playing! After the match there were only 2 or 3 of the match cards available, I think some of them got a bit damp!

Group 1: Myself (21) and Josef Kirschner (24) played Captain Marcus Charlton (18) and Paul Jones (20).

Josef and I had a poor start going down by 3 after 6 holes at the turn, unfortunately neither of us could keep a grip on the clubs and our shots were veering off at all angles. Our younger counterparts were both playing well below their handicaps and seemed to cope with the conditions much better.

In fact, it was a hard job to get either of us out of the halfway house as we were bedraggled by this stage and struggling to motivate ourselves to carry on.

Amazingly our playing partners were consistently scoring Pars and fair play to them they parred the 10th to 13th holes leaving them 7 and 5 winners and played extremely well given the conditions.

Group 2: Nick Milburn (18) and Eric Woods (27) played Pat McMurray (22) and Mick Plaskitt (12).

Mr Milburn extended his current run of form with help from Eric (Tiger) Woods by coming in as 5 and 3 winners to take a share of the Highest Winning Pairs pot (runners up). Well done you two.

Group 3: Bill Campbell (17) and Josh Martin (7) played Suw Guilliat (11) and Pete Guilliat (19).

Despite Josh given Billy 9 shots (which must be a first) our pair eventually lost by 2 and 1. I did notice that the Laceby Lady, Suw Guilliat had her name emblazoned on her golf bag with England underneath it, although she denied playing for England by the sounds of it she played very well. Hard luck guys, well played.

Group 4: Tom Siswick (19) and Yvonne Prior (29) played Mark Hallam (28) and Mark Holmes (20).

Young Tom Siswick was back in form with his 'bionic shoulder' but it was Yvonne who set the pace with a win and a couple of halved holes to keep us ahead, in doing so she gave Tom time to warm himself up before he launched a string of gross pars followed by one from Yvonne which saw them end up 5 and 4 winners and taking the lion share of the Highest Winning Pairs pot. Well done you two.

Group 5: Mark Williamson (24) and Len Westlake (16) played Rob Fair (16) and Paul Shaw (18).

I think Len, like me is more of a fair weather golfer and he gave me some stick for asking him to play (sorry Len)!

Despite the weather Mark and Len did keep the score line to 2 down at the turn and after holding them on the 10th and 11th the Laceby pairing won the next 3 holes to end up 5 and 4 to Laceby, hard luck guys but remember we lost by 7! Lol.

Group 6: Ian Prior (12) and Alan Cowie (20) played Jon Baty (26) and Dave Lippeatt (13).

Ian and Alan, like some of the rest of us had a hard match against the elements and having to give 13 shots to Jon Baty playing off 26 going on 20!

In spite of their best efforts they lost by 4 and 3 to the Laceby boys, hard luck you two. Ian came in chomping in what I think was about their handicaps although it was probably due to Yvonne winning the loot (again). Lol. He was then sent to the kitchen to see if he could fix the dishwasher (all in a day's golf!) Many thanks Ian.

Group 7: Jeff Wright (22) and Dave Dickinson (26) played Ray Ling (21) and Stuart Morgan (19).

Unfortunately, there was a bit of a mix up with overlapping match play teams and some other groups and Jeff and Dave found themselves in a logjam, so being very honourable about it they conceded the match to Laceby by 2 up which was a bit of a shame.

Sorry you weren't able to finish the round Jeff and Dave, but very honourable action.

Group 8: The final grouping was Vice-Captain Dave Burrows (18) and Elvis Costello (21) playing Ian Arding (16) and Steve Moore (21)

2 shots for Dave and 5 shots for both Elvis and Steve meant that the shots were few and quite equally balanced for this group.

Group 8 & 7 wrongly chose to set off on the 10th, without confirming that the tee would be free on the 1st when they returned to go round on the 18th; Dave sends his apologies to Geoff and Dave D.....

Anyway; the match started well for SK with a par, birdie, par and par for Dave and Elvis who were +4 after 4 holes, this put Ian and Steve, the Laceby pairing on the back foot. Two par's for Laceby saw SK pegged back to +2. A par from Elvis on 16 saw SK +3 and the next two holes were halved; SK +3 at the turn. A win for SK meant that we were back to +4, then the next two holes were halved. A nett par on 4 for Laceby pulled 1 back, however, nett par and par on holes 5 & 6 saw the end of the match with a 5 & 3 win for SK.

Dave and Elvis dovetailed very well, with both of them halving or winning 50% of the holes won or halved. The match was played in great spirits despite the weather. Well done you two and also for a share of the Highest Winning Pairs pot (runners up).

In Summary

Apart from the abysmal weather we all had a good day with plenty of banter with our playing partners. The result of 3 – 5 to Laceby was respectable given their handicaps and the fact they practice all their matches off the white tees. They have previously whitewashed Sandilands and Louth so I think we fared well.

A big thanks to everyone at SK who agreed to play and also thanks to Janet and the staff for looking after us all and to Helen for coming in to organise and run the Halfway House, also to Pete and Martin for their help and a big thanks to my Vice-Captain Dave Burrows and to Mark Williamson for their help on the day.

Many Thanks

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